



This newsletter has been delivered to every household in the Parish and is also on our website (<http://www.willington.org.uk>) Contributions to future newsletters are welcome from all individuals and organisations in the Parish. The next issue will be available during February 2017. All contributions should reach the Clerk (contact details overleaf) by 31st January 2017.

COMMUNITY GET TOGETHER

Donna Okell has offered to plan a social event and a provisional date of 8th January 2017 has been chosen. This is intended to be aimed at getting the whole of our community together, children and adults.

If you have any ideas for enjoyable events that we could organise throughout the year or you are willing to help bring this idea to fruition please contact Donna. e-mail: dokell@btinternet.com mobile: 07739799722

VILLAGE FETE

This year we joined in with Utkinton to hold a joint fete. It was hoped that this would boost the attendance and both villages would benefit. Although the fete itself was a very enjoyable day, supported by a few helping hands from Willington residents, the value of this joint venture to Willington residents is debatable. The Parish Council is interested in your thoughts on this and whether you would prefer to hold an annual event on our village green. If you have ideas on this subject please let one of your councillors know, e-mail the Clerk, or attend the next council meeting on Tuesday 22nd November to discuss in the open forum.

OVERGROWN HEDGES

Council continues to receive complaints about overhanging hedges and trees on private property that have been allowed to overhang pavements. This makes life difficult

for pedestrians, particularly those walking with children/with a pushchair, and wheelchair users. They often are forced to walk on the verge or in the road to get past.

Please check the hedges and trees on your property to see that they have not encroached onto the footway. If they have please have them cut back, it is your responsibility. Thank you.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

We have had our Defibrillator for almost a year now and approximately 20% of the Parish have been trained to use it and to perform CPR. That leaves 80% who potentially may not know how to attend to someone who is unconscious and not breathing?

If you, or anyone you know, would like to learn this simple process and to be confident to perform these life-saving skills, please contact Andrew Nicholas (752029) as soon as possible. Andrew will arrange a final training session early in the New Year. It only takes a couple of hours one evening and Andrew promises that you will enjoy the training regardless as to whether or not you have ever done anything like this before or not.

SUPPORT FOR SEASHELL TRUST

Heather Bailey would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support at the fundraising event for the Seashell Trust in September which raised a fabulous £2,078.00. Heather added that "it is wonderful to live in such a supportive community and to know that our daughter Lizzie is in the thoughts of so many people".

NEW NOTICEBOARD

In our last newsletter it was said that a new larger (than existing) noticeboard would shortly be positioned near to the Royal Mail post box on Willington Corner.

There has been a slight delay due to the lettering for the board but it is happening. It is intended that the board will be available for both Council communications and community use.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

What does the Mobile Library Service offer?

The Mobile Library Service offers a current and wide range of stock including adult and junior

books and also audiobooks. With internet connectivity and access to the web based Library Management System, customers have access to stock across the authority and are able to make reservations and update their accounts. Mobile Library staff can also provide online council information and an enquiry service.

There is also free access for library members to a wide range of online resources, including eBooks, via the Libraries' webpage:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/libraries

New Routes and Times

Following a public consultation revised mobile library routes and times are being implemented. As from Friday 9th December 2016 the mobile library will be at Willington Corner from 12.20pm to 12.50pm and will visit every third Friday.

THE LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

The scheme was created in 2014 and is managed on behalf of local councils by the Improvement and Development Board. The Scheme offers Councils the opportunity to show that they meet the standards set by the sector, assessed by their peers, and to put in place the conditions for continued improvement.

Willington Parish Council has now been in existence for just over eighteen months. In that time we have made great strides forward setting up everything expected of a Parish Council of our size.

We believe that we are now ready to apply for one of the awards. The new guidelines will be available in January 2017 so work to complete the application will begin soon afterwards. Further details, and progress, will be published in future newsletters and on our website.

SIGNAGE

Highways have ordered a new sign for Gooseberry Lane and Council is in discussion with Highways regarding Willington signs on the roadside at the edges of the Parish.

PEN PROFILES

It has been suggested that each newsletter includes a pen profile of a local resident. If you think that this is a good idea and would like us to include your profile in the near future please let either the Clerk or one of our

Councillors know.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Council meetings are open meetings and members of the public are most welcome to attend and listen to the debates.

If you want to come along but don't want to stay until the end that is not a problem. Come and join us and then leave when you wish to do so.

All we ask is that you come and go quietly.

The next meetings are at Willington Hall at 7.30pm on 22nd November 2016, and 24th January and 28th February 2017.

The first 15 minutes of each meeting is allocated to the public forum where anyone can have his or her say on any local matter.

An agenda for each meeting is placed on the noticeboard by Willington Green and also on our website.

One important item for consideration at the November 2016 will be to consider whether or not it is appropriate for the Council to work towards a Village Design Statement.

Telephone Numbers for contacting the Police

Emergency 999 - Non Emergency 101

To report a crime anonymously - Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

A reminder that the "101" Police non-emergency number should be used to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response.

ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL

Willington Parish Council is comprised of the following 5 Councillors – their contact telephone numbers, all dial code 01829, are in brackets:

Cllr John Grimshaw (752177), Cllr Jane Lowthion (751454), Cllr Andrew Nicholas (752029), Cllr Roy Penk (751866), Cllr Pat Tyson-Jones (751757)

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